

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-80. (Canceled)

81. (Currently Amended) A medical or surgical fastener for securing a tube to a patient, said medical or surgical fastener comprising:

a sterile tubular sleeve of variable length having a first aperture through which a tube can pass at a first end of the sleeve and a second aperture through which a tube can pass at the second end of the sleeve, the sleeve ~~capable~~ configured such that when lengthened ~~of gripping a~~ along a length of a tube between the first and second apertures within the sleeve, the sleeve will grip the tube to exert a compressive gripping force evenly distributed around the tube and along a length of the tube in the sleeve and such that the sleeve will further lengthen in response to movement of the tube to increase the compressive gripping force, and when shortened ~~of sliding along the tube~~ the compressive gripping force will be released to permit the tube to move relative to the sleeve, wherein the sterile tubular sleeve has a perforated or foraminous wall that includes a plurality of filaments helically woven to define a plurality of openings in the wall; and ~~wherein the sterile tubular sleeve further comprises~~

attachment means ~~for attaching~~ configured to couple the sleeve to a patient.

82. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 81, wherein the attachment means comprises one or more loops.

83. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 82, wherein the or each loop is formed by doubling over the sleeve.

84. (Previously Presented) A fastener according to claim 81, wherein the attachment means comprises a harness, sling or other means for embracing a part of the patient.